

## Reading Coffee Morning

This morning was our second coffee morning this Academic year when parents came and chatted to staff, looked round the new library and went into class to join in with reading lessons. The morning was a great success with all of the parents commenting on what a valuable experience it was and how it gave them ideas on how to support their child at home.

**Thank you to all those who attended the morning.**



### Tips for reading at home

Research proves that children who enjoy reading do better at school in all subjects.

#### **Tips for helping your child to enjoy books:**

- ❖ Encourage your child to pretend to 'read' a book before he or she can read words.
- ❖ Visit the library as often as possible - take out CDs and DVDs as well as books.
- ❖ Schedule a regular time for reading - perhaps when you get home from school or just before bed.
- ❖ Buy dual-language books if English isn't your family's first language - you can talk about books and stories, and develop a love for them, in any language.
- ❖ Look for books on topics that you know your child is interested in - maybe dragons, insects, cookery or a certain sport.

### Class Assembly 2EP

On Thursday 2EP presented a class assembly on their learning in English and Geography based on the book *Miranda the Explorer* by James Mayhew. The children talked about Miranda's adventure around the world in a hot air balloon including meeting snake charmers in India, crocodiles in Australia and visiting the Statue of Liberty in the USA.

### Dates for your Diary.

Wed 7th to Friday 9th February - DT Topic Days

Thursday 8th February - Class Assembly 3SP

Friday 9th February - Break up for half term

Monday 19th February - School Reopens

#### Polite reminders

##### **Mobile Phones**

Whilst children who walk home on their own are allowed to bring mobile phones to school please remember,

- Phones must be handed in to the school office.
- Children must not use mobile phones on school premises. This includes before school in the playground.

##### **Smoking**

**Smoking is not permitted on the school grounds. This includes e-cigarettes.**

**If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us.**



# Hollybush News

Date – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
February 2018

## An Attendance Message from Mrs Robertson

Too many absences can cause children to fall behind at school. Attending school regularly helps children to feel better about school and about themselves.

Attendance during one School year	Equals days Absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons

- ☹ Did you know that missing 10% of school can make it harder for children to learn to read?
- ☹ Did you know that regularly being late can also lead to poor attendance and children making slow progress?
- ☹ Did you know that studies have shown that children’s education can be put at risk if they regularly miss a day or two days a month?
- ☹ Poor attendance also affects the progress of other children in the class if the adults have to spend time repeating or on catching up with students who have been absent.

It’s important to start building good habits from an early age as good attendance now will help children do well in high school, college or university, and in work.

What is school doing to help children with attendance?

- ✓ We’ll send you a text to remind you to contact us if your child is unwell
- ✓ We’ll phone you on the first day of your child’s absence. In exceptional circumstances we have helped with getting children to school
- ✓ Mr Robinson – School Attendance Officer – monitors and works with families to support good attendance.
- ✓ Mr Robinson works closely with our team of Learning Mentors to support families who may be experiencing difficulty in managing their child’s attendance at school.
- ✓ We have weekly celebration assemblies to spotlight good attendance and buns for the 100% classes
- ✓ When they attend, children earn attendance points to spend at the Hollybush attendance shop
- ✓ We organise termly attendance trips for the classes with the best attendance.

The bell rings at 8.55 - make sure your child is IN school on time.



**As of Monday the Nursery Gate will be closed during Nursery Session times.  
Please use the gate on Landseer Mount to access the school office.**



## ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
FS / KS1	1DN 98.5%	RLR 97%	2EP 96.2%
KS2	3SP 96.5%	6BC 98.4%	5SP 92.4%

**Overall school attendance for the week**

92.8% 😞

## Change to Assembly times

As of next Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February reward assembly times will be changing to better support learning in the morning.

**KS2 assembly will be at 9.10**

**KS1 assembly will be at 10.15**